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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

## SUBJECT

U.S. Nationals in PW Camp in KARAGANDA

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KARAGANDA, USSR

## FROM (Agency)

7050th AFSW (USAF)

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## EVALUATION

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## REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

None

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

## I. PREAMBLE:

SOURCE was interned in an unlocated PW Camp # 4716/19 in KARAGANDA (4952N-7310E) from Feb 47 to May 50. During this time SOURCE worked as a construction worker on the construction of civilian houses in the city area, and as a general laborer in the PW Camp. SOURCE had a fair knowledge of the Russian language. All information is based on SOURCE's personal observations unless otherwise indicated.

## II. U.S. NATIONALS IN PW CAMP IN KARAGANDA:

Together with SOURCE, there were 2 U.S. nationals interned in the PW Camp in KARAGANDA. Both spoke German fluently with a slight accent, and therefore SOURCE several times was able to speak to them. The Americans had been members of the occupational forces in Western Europe. In the end of 1945, they intended to visit some relatives in the Eastern Zone of Germany, they were captured and brought to the BUCHENWALD concentration camp, approx 8 km E of WEIMAR (5059N-1119E), Germany. Here they were accused of espionage, convicted to 25 years of forced labor, and transferred to KARAGANDA. SOURCE could only remember the first names of the 2 prisoners (Tom and Pit), and did not know their hometown in the USA. He only knew that the parents of both Americans had been born in Germany. SOURCE described the 2 U.S. nationals as follows:

Pit: Still wore a US Army khaki uniform without any insignias. Approx 1.7m tall, brunette hair, sharp cut pale slim face, slender, but strongly built figure, eye color unknown. Approx 18 to 22 years of age. Parents of this natural born US citizen had come from the state of SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, Germany. In the PW camp, the American refused any work, and most of the time remained in the camp, despite all ill treatments received by Russians.

Tom: Still wore a US Army khaki uniform without any insignias. Approx 1.6 m tall, fair hair, blue eyes, round pale face, strongly built figure. Approx 18 to 22 years of age. Parents of this natural born US citizen had come from the RHINE region, Germany. Tom most of the time worked in the PW camp hospital, and was known as a good surgeon.

Both US prisoners were convinced they would be freed in the very near future, and resisted the Russians as much as possible. In winter 1947, Pit tried to escape. He had known a Russian truck driver, had stolen his truck, and left KARAGANDA. However, he was recaptured and, 2 days later, arrived in the camp again, badly beaten up.

During their entire internment in the PW camp in KARAGANDA, the 2 US citizens were continuously interrogated by the MVD. In winter 1948 (most probably February)

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they were transferred to an unknown location. Later SOURCE heard that the Americans had been taken to a forced labor camp in Siberia.

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